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## Bo Temple takes command Of Corps' North Atlantic Division, promoted to Brigadier General

Brooklyn, NY (December 6, 2002)--- Virginia's own Merdith W. B. "Bo" Temple has certainly been active these last two months.

The Richmond Virginia native turned over command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Transatlantic Programs Center, Winchester, to COL Robert Derrick on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen days later, he assumed command of the Corps' North Atlantic Division, an agency with one of the largest, most complex, diverse, and challenging programs in the Corps of Engineers. Then, on December 4, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

The promotion is the most recent step in a 27-year Army career that has included numerous command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. The ceremony was held at Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington, D.C., where Lieutenant General Robert Flowers, Chief of Engineers, pinned the star of Brigadier General Temple.

As Commander of the North Atlantic Division, Brigadier General Temple oversees the planning, design and construction of projects to support the military, protect America's water resources, and restore and enhance the environment within an 180,000 square mile area along the Atlantic Coast, including 14 states from Maine to Virginia and the District of Columbia. He is also responsible for the Division's work with a variety of engineering and construction activities for international, Federal, state and local governments and agencies in the United States and overseas. This is accomplished through six District offices throughout the region and in Europe.

The General is a 1971 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, and a master's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Editors Note: A biography of Colonel (P) Temple is available at <a href="http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/Temple.htm">http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/Temple.htm</a>. Information about the North Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be found at: <a href="http://www.nad.usace.army.mil">http://www.nad.usace.army.mil</a>